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HIROYUKI INOUE, et al. )  
Application No.: 08/796,519 )  
Filed: February 7, 1997 )  
For: INK CONTAINER FOR INK JET )  
PRINTER, HOLDER FOR THE )  
CONTAINER, CARRIAGE FOR )  
THE HOLDER, AND INK JET )  
PRINTER )

Examiner: L. Nguyen  
Group Art Unit: 2853  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

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In addition, also enclosed are Decisions of the Japanese Board of Appeals, dated July 6, 2005 and August 22, 2006, together with excerpt English language translations thereof, which issued in Japanese counterpart applications of the subject U.S. application.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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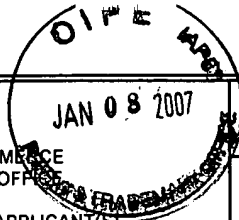
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